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Contributions by the Tiruchirappalli Municipality and District Board for Cyclone Relief Fund.

* 893 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any contributions were made by the Tiruchirappalli Municipality and Tiruchirappalli District Board for Cyclone Relief Fund;

(*b*) what were the amounts contributed by each; and

(*c*) how the amounts were utilized?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Tiruchirappalli Municipality contributed a sum of Rs. 15,000 to the Madras State Cyclone Relief Fund. No amount was contributed by the Tiruchirappalli District Board to the Fund.

" (*c*) The amount contributed by the Tiruchirappalli Municipality is utilized for affording cash grants of Rs. 5 to Rs. 15 to each of the families affected by the cyclone to rebuild their damaged houses within the Tiruchirappalli town."

Construction of the causeway across the River Pennar at Siddhout.

* 894 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long ago was the construction of the causeway across the River Pennar at Siddhout, Cuddapah district, sanctioned;

(*b*) the stage at which the work stands at present; and

(*c*) when it will be completed?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The proposal to construct a causeway across the Pennar near Siddhavattam (Siddhout) was included in the Seven Years' Programme of road development financed out of the allocations to this State in the Central Road Fund which was approved by the Government of India in 1938. The sanction of the Government of India for the debit to this Government's share in the Central Road Fund of the cost of the work according to the detailed estimate was obtained in 1944. Since then, the cost of the work has been increased considerably from Rs. 99,850 to Rs. 6,46,000 on account of the adoption of the enhanced schedule rates which are far in excess of those provided for in the original estimate in 1943–44 and also on account of the proposal to suit the I.R.C. Standard such as increase in the width of the road. The sanction of the Government of India for debiting to the Central Road Fund the revised cost of the work has just been received and communicated to the President, District Board, Cuddapah, who has been asked to submit necessary application for the grant.

" (*b*) The work is in progress.

" (*c*) The work will be completed soon."